taking place against Tamilians by the Sri Lankan Armed Forces.

(b) The Hon'ble Member is doubtless aware of the Indo-Sri Lankan Agreement of the 29th July to establish Peace and Normalcy in Sri Lanka.

Issues discussed at the SAARC meeting

1148. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what were the issues discussed at the recent Conference of SAARC countries stating the areas of accord and the manner in which the decisions arrived at the Conference are proposed to be implemented by the SAARC countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): The Third Session of the SAARC Council of Ministers held in New Delhi on June 18-19, 1987 took decisions:—

(i) to implement five new schemes to promote people-to-people contacts among the SAARC member countries;

(ii) to take early measures to implement the recommendations of the SAARC Group of Experts on Terrorism and to convene a Group of legal experts to prepare a draft Regional Convention on Terrorism for consideration at the Ninth Session of the Standing Committee;

(iii) to establish a South Asian Food Security Reserve;

(iv) to proceed with the establishment of regional institutions and to share the institutional costs of such institutions in terms of the recommendations of the Standing Committee and of the Working Group on the Sharing of Costs of Regional Institutions;

(v) to recommend that the Third SAARC Summit in Kathmandu be held from November 2 to 4, 1987; and

(vi) to lay down interim guidelines for the Secretary General of the SAARC Secretariat on the question of dealing with different agencies outside SAARC and to endorse the Standing Committee's decisions on various matters concerning the SAARC Secretariat, including Staff Rules, Financial Regulations and draft provisions relating to salaries, allowances and other entitlements of the Secretary General and members of staff of the Secretariat.

Follow-up action on these decisions will be taken by the Technical Committees, the Standing Committee and the Council of Ministers in their subsequent meetings.

Closure of Akbar Hotel, New Delhi

1149. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any joint memorandum was submitted to the Government on 5th November, 1986 regarding the closure of the Akbar Hotel, New Delhi.;

(b) if so, who were the signatories to this joint memorandum;

(c) what were the issues raised in the joint memorandum;

(d) whether Government have taken any action in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) how many industrial disputes are pending in Labour Courts/Industrial Tribunals, High Courts and Supreme Court between former Akbar Hotel employees, including the union and ITDC management, as on date; and

(f) the details of each dispute including date of origin and steps taken to settle each of these disputes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A letter dated 5th December 1986 was received from Shri V. Gopalsamy, M.P. enclosing a memorandum dated 27th November 1986